

### **REMARKS**

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended is respectfully requested. Claims 1-7 and 29-32 are pending. In this Amendment claim 1 is amended. No new matter is added.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative on August 5, 2003, during an Examiner Interview in which the outstanding rejections were discussed. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is contained in the comments below. As agreed during the Examiner Interview, claim 1, as amended above, and claim 29 are each allowable over the prior art of record.

In the present amendment, Applicants have amended the specification as agreed during the Examiner Interview to further clarify the subject matter that the Applicants claims as their invention.

Claims 2-7 depend directly or indirectly from claim 1, and, accordingly, include all of the patentable features of claim 1 as well as other patentable features. Therefore, claims 2-7 are patentable over the prior art of record for at least the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 1.

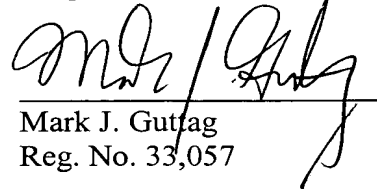
Claims 30-32 depend directly or indirectly from claim 29, and, accordingly, include all of the patentable features of claim 29 as well as other patentable features. Therefore, claims 30-32 are patentable over the prior art of record for at least the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 29.

In the Office Action, claims 1-4, 7 and 29-32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Poplawski *et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,267,606), claims 5 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being anticipated by Poplawski, claims 1-4, 7 and 29-32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by prior art figures 1 and 2, and claims 5 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being anticipated by prior art figures 1 and 2. These rejections have been rendered moot in light of the agreement at the August 5, 2003 Examiner Interview discussed above.

If the Examiner has any questions or concerns regarding the present response, the Examiner is invited to contact Mark J. Guttag at 703-591-2664, Ext. 2006.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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